

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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INFO AMEMBASSY DJIBOUTI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, ET, SO, US

SUBJECT: PRESS ACCUSES US OF BACKING SOMALIA ACTIONS AGAINST  
ETHIOPIA

1. DURING COURSE OF JULY 14 ETHIOPIAN HERALD FEATURE  
ARTICLE BLASTING SOMALI IRREDENTISM AND REACTIONARY  
CHAUVINISM, AUTHOR ("A STAFF WRITER") QUOTED FROM  
RECENT SIAD BARRE-DE BORCHGRAVE INTERVIEW IN NEWSWEEK  
TO CLAIM THAT US AND SAUDI ARABIA ARE MANIPULATING  
SIAD BARRE AS PART OF ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY CONSPIRACY IN  
HORN OF AFRICA. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, "MOGADISCIO AND  
WASHINGTON MAINTAIN COMMON INTEREST OF DISMEMBERING  
ETHIOPIA, AND TURNING BACK PENDULUM BY SUBVERTING ON-  
GOING ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION." HE BASES THIS  
CLAIM ON ALLEGED QUOTE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER THAT "I  
WANT SOMALIA TO BE OUR FRIEND," AND SIAD BARRE'S  
COMMENT TO DE BROCHGRAVE THAT "WHEN I SAY WE ARE  
INTERESTED IN CLOSER RELATIONS WITH US, WE ARE NOT  
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BLUFFING."

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ANTI-SOMALIA ARTICLES APPEAR  
ALMOST DAILY IN PRESS, DIRECT ACCUSATION THAT US  
BEHIND SOMALI ACTIONS IS MOST SPECIFIC CHARGE TO  
DATE AND MAY BE BEGINNING TO CAMPAIGN TO ADD SOMALIA  
TO LIST OF COUNTRIES WE ALREADY ARE ACCUSED OF

SUPPORTING UNDER BANNER OF IMPERIALISM.

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